

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend W.V. Roberson for his contributions to his community.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, W. V. Roberson is one such individual who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, W. V. Roberson was born in Etowah on January 19, 1937; he moved to the Soddy-Daisy community in 1948 and graduated from Soddy-Daisy High School in 1955; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the United States Army from 1960 to 1962; and he was with the first unit to take the HAWK Missile overseas to Korea in 1960-1961; and

WHEREAS, he worked at Combustion Engineering before joining the military and went to work for Dupont upon receiving his honorable discharge, retiring after forty-three years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberson has a long history of service and recognition as a civic leader in his community, and he is especially dedicated to helping and honoring veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, he organized a group of volunteers to feed veterans at First Baptist Church Soddy-Daisy, a tradition which has continued for five years. In 2014, the group provided meals for 500 veterans; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, he and a group of men placed American flags along the highway in Soddy-Daisy in honor of Veterans Day and ROTC; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mr. Roberson formed another group of volunteers to place crosses, each bearing a flag and the name of a deceased veteran, in front of Soddy-Daisy City Hall, in honor of Memorial Day and Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roberson has contributed to his community in many ways; he collects toys for the Soddy-Daisy Fire Department to distribute to children during the holiday season; he gathers coats for needy children; and he was part of a project to install signs welcoming visitors to Soddy-Daisy; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of several organizations, including American Legion Post 107 in Soddy-Daisy, and as a member of the Jaycees, he helped take the census to incorporate the City of Soddy-Daisy; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Roberson was named Legionnaire of the Year in 2010, 2013, and 2014; he was also the recipient of a resolution presented by the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council and the American Legion for his contributions to feeding veterans; and

WHEREAS, W. V. Roberson's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of First Baptist Church Soddy-Daisy, which he has served faithfully since 1948, and currently serves as a deacon in the church; and

WHEREAS, W. V. Roberson epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Mr. Roberson is most appreciative of the love and support he receives from his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, W. V. Roberson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and applaud W. V. Roberson as an outstanding community servant, thank him for his many contributions to the Soddy-Daisy community, and extend to him our best wishes for success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.